

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-13 were originally filed in the application. In response to a requirement for restriction, the undersigned, in a telephone conference conducted with the Examiner on 2/19/03, elected prosecution of claims 2,4,6,8 and 11 and withdrew claims 1,3,5,7,9,10 and 12-13 from further consideration. This election is hereby confirmed. Claims 2,4,6,8 and 11 remain pending in the present application. The presently pending claims, including amendments as indicated, are listed below.

- 2 (Currently Amended). A hybrid medical implant comprising an elastomeric, nonbioabsorbable core portion having an outer surface and a bioabsorbable portion affixed to said outer surface of said core portion wherein [said outer surface comprises] a plurality of particles of a bioabsorbable material is embedded in [a] said outer surface of said nonbioabsorbable [elastomeric substrate] core portion and wherein said outer surface of said hybrid medical implant has an irregular topography such that immediately upon implantation of the hybrid medical implant within the body, the plurality of particles of bioabsorbable material project outwardly from said outer surface; and after the bioabsorbable material is absorbed by the body, the outer surface has a plurality of craters therewithin .
4. The hybrid medical implant of Claim 2 wherein said core portion comprises a fluid-filled elastomeric shell.
6. The hybrid medical implant of Claim 2 wherein said core portion comprises a solid elastomeric body.



8. The hybrid medical implant of Claim 2 wherein said elastomeric core portion comprises silicone.
- 11 (Amended). The hybrid medical implant of Claim 2 wherein said bioabsorbable portion comprises an antibiotic.